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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks/arguments. Claims 1-32 were originally filed with the present Application. Claims 33-36 have been added by prior Amendment. In the present Amendment, the Applicants have amended claims 5-8, 11, 17, 18, 21-23, 33, 35 and 36. No further claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-36 remain pending in the present Application. No new matter has been added.

I. FORMAL MATTERS

The Applicants acknowledge the withdrawing of the objections and rejections to the drawings and to the specification in response to the Amendment filed November 17, 2004. In addition, the Applicants are pleased to acknowledge that claims 1-4, 9, 10, 12-16, 19, 20 and 24-32 are allowed. In view of the amendments and remarks included herein, the Applicants respectfully assert that the remaining pending claims are also allowable.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 5-8, 11, 17, 18, 21-23 and 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement, in that these claims contain subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, has possession of the invention. With regard to claims 5-8, 11, 17, 18 and 21-23, the Examiner objects to the addition of the term "about" in these claims when recited ranges of various values. Although the Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's position, claims 5-8, 11, 17, 18 and 21-23 have been amended to remove the term "about." Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

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With regard to claims 33-36, the Examiner argues that these added claims omit essential elements described in the specification. In response, the Applicants have amended claims 33, 35 and 36 to include recitations to a substantially transparent substrate and to an organic electroluminescent material, as suggested by the Examiner. However, the Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's statement that the addition of such elements into these claims results in claims 33, 35 and 36 duplicating claims 19, 1 and 28, respectively. The Applicants respectfully assert that each of the corresponding claim pair mentioned by the Examiner each recite a distinct scope of coverage. Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the §112 rejection with respect to claims 33-36, and issue a Notice of Allowance for these claims in addition to the other claims pending in the present Application.

III. CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of pending claims 1-36 patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such would expedite the prosecution of the present Application. Although no fees are believed to be due with this Amendment, if it is determined that additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0480, referencing the Attorney Docket Number specified herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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